



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING**

#16-1240

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: November 1, 2016

TITLE: Motion to Reject Single Bid for Design-Build Services for Themed Beach
Playground

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission reject the single bid received for design-build services for a themed beach playground.

Background

On June 9, 2016 the City of Fort Lauderdale Procurement Services Division issued Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 265-11785, inviting proposals from qualified firms to provide design-build services for the design, permitting and construction of a themed beach playground at South Beach with a proposal delivery date of July 11, 2016. Of the six qualified design-build firms that attended a June 21st onsite pre-bid question and answer meeting, only NuJak Construction of South Florida, LLC (NuJak) submitted a proposal.

The single submittal might be attributed to the concerns expressed during pre-bid meeting about the recent State of Florida requirement to construct the playground without the use of concrete footers. Contractors expressed concerns that they wouldn't be able to do that and still provide the required warranty for the playground equipment installation. In addition, the contractors' lack of interest may be due to the current market conditions.

City staff believes the conceptual design included in the solicitation packet from NuJak lacked sufficient information such as their overall approach, how it will relate to the history and image of Fort Lauderdale, scheduling and various technical aspects. All of these items were requested to be provided with their solicitation. Staff felt what was provided was not consistent with the City's vision for this themed playground.

Pursuant to Section 2-180(5) Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, all bids and proposals received shall be reported to the City Commission, but the City Commission shall have the authority to reject all bids, parts of all bids, or all bids for any one (1) or more supplies or contractual services included in the proposed specifications

when the public interest will be served thereby.

Staff is requesting approval to reject the single bid and revamp the project to separate the design and construction portions. This will allow for pursuing solicitations from qualified design firms in an effort to increase competition for the design portion as well as the construction portion.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal year impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Places Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- **Goal 3:** Be a community that finds opportunities and leverages partnerships to create unique, inviting, and connected gathering places that highlight our beaches, waterways, urban areas, and parks.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Here*.

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